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SUBJECT: LAW OF THE SEA- SECRETARY'S SPEECH OF APRIL 8 AND TALKING  
POINTS

REF: A) STATE 084997, B) STATE 085109

1. WHEN I SAW FONMIN FRED WILLS ON APRIL 12, I ANDED HIM THE FULL  
TEXT OF THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH OF APRIL 8 ON LAW OF THE SEA (LOS).  
FROM WILLS' REMARKS IT WAS APPARENT THAT HE HAD ALREADY RECEIVED  
A SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS OF THE SPEECH FROM GUYANA'S PERMREP AT THE  
UN, RASHLEIGH JACKSON.

2. I COVERED AT THE SAME TIME AND LEFT WITH HIM THE TALKING  
POINTS PROVIDED REFTEL B. WILLS SAID HE WOULD GO OVER BOTH OF  
THESE DOCUMENTS WITH GREAT CARE BECAUSE HE WANTED TO GIVE PERSONAL  
DIRECTION TO GUYANA'S VOTING ON LOS ISSUES.

3. HIS ONLY SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS WERE THAT HE AGREED WITH JACKSON'S  
VIEW THAT THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH, WHILE OFFERING SOME NEW PROPOSALS,  
WAS BACKED UP BY THE FAIRLY WELL DEFINED THREAT OF UNILATERAL  
ACTION BY USG IN THE EVENT THAT THESE LATEST PROPOSALS DID NOT  
PROCURE AN ACCEPTABLE TREATY. WILLS ALSO REMARKED THAT HE SAW NO  
POSSIBILITY THAT A TREATY COULD INCORPORATE AUTHORIZATION FOR  
TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS TO CONDUCT SEA-BED EXPLOITATION WITHIN THE  
ECONOMIC ZONE. I SAID I DID NOT THINK THIS WAS THE MAJOR ISSUE ON  
SEA-BEDS EXPLOITATION AND I INVITED HIS CLOSE ATTENTION TO THE  
SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL ON EXPLOITING SEA-BED MINERALS IN INTERNATIONAL  
WATERS. I SAID THE PROPOSAL SEEMED TO ME TO STRIKE A FAIR BALANCE  
BETWEEN THE INTERESTS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN A STRONG  
INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY AND THOSE OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES  
IN GIVING SCOPE TO THEIR GREATER ASSETS OF TECHNOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT  
TO MOVE AHEAD WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE DEPOSITS. KREBS

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GUYANA